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THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations and guidelines concerning maritime safety,

RECALLING ALSO that the 1993 International Conference on Safety of Fishing Vessels adopted, on 2 April 1993, the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 (hereinafter referred to as the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol),

NOTING that the 1993 Torremolinos International Conference, by resolution 1 on Avoidance of a situation in which two conflicting treaty regimes are operational, *inter alia*, was satisfied that States which decided to become Party to an updated regime of fishing vessel safety needed only to express their consent to be bound by the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol without also taking any action in respect of the 1977 Torremolinos Convention,

NOTING ALSO resolution 2 of the said International Conference on Certain treaty law issues relating to States which have expressed their consent to be bound by the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977; and resolution 3 thereof on Co-operation among States on the early entry into force and effective implementation of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol, also adopted by the International Conference referred to above,

NOTING FURTHER that a number of States have deposited with Secretary-General instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in respect of the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977, and have implemented national legislation based on this instrument,

RECALLING FURTHER that the 1995 International Conference on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel adopted, on 7 July 1995, the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995 (hereinafter referred to as the 1995 STCW-F Convention),

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BEING AWARE of the existence, in various parts of the world, of Regional Agreements establishing a regulatory regime for fishing vessels to be applied by coastal States concerned taking into account the prevailing mode of fishing operations, sheltered nature and climatic conditions in such regions,

BEING CONCERNED at the alarmingly high number of fishermen's lives and of fishing vessels lost every year,

BEING CONVINCED that the unacceptable loss of life thus far suffered could be substantially reduced by global and effective implementation of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol and the 1995 STCW-F Convention,

NOTING WITH CONCERN that an inadequate number of Governments have so far deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the aforementioned IMO instruments to enable them to enter into force,

1. URGES Governments to consider accepting the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol and the 1995 STCW-F Convention at the earliest possible opportunity;
 2. INVITES Governments which experience difficulties in the process of becoming Parties to the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol or to the 1995 STCW-F Convention to inform the Organization of the circumstances thereof, so that consideration can be given to taking appropriate action in this respect, including providing necessary technical assistance;
 3. REQUESTS the Maritime Safety Committee to review the situation concerning entry into force of the said instruments and, in the light of such review, to take action as it deems appropriate;
 4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to take any such additional measures as may be required aimed at assisting Member Governments in the process of becoming Parties to and implementing the aforementioned instruments.
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